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Military Information from the Finsterwalde Training Area

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1. During the period from 3 to 8 August 1952, [] radio station with four steel masts, about 20 meters high. The masts were interconnected and had one quadrangular umbrella each. The station was located on the hills near Wiederau about 300 meters off the road in the Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) training area. Wires extended from this station in the direction of Liebenwerda and Kirchhain. [] about 40 such lines. Units [] were infantry units were on the terrain on both sides of the Wiederau-Liebenwerda road. [] a general and a field grade officer was seen in Langenaudorf. Another radio station, west of Winkel, had an antenna mast about 15 meters high. A camouflaged tent was nearby. Troops and motor vehicles were noticed in the woods near Theis, Thalberg, Maasdorf and in the Troebitz - Döberitz forest. [] large units were stationed in the area of Kirchhain and in Sonnenwalde.

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2. [] about 8,000 soldiers in the Finsterwalde-Hennerdorf-Mühlholz area. [] this estimate. [] the concentration of troops was an exercise by units attacking from west to east rather than a command post exercise. [] only infantry units and no tanks or artillery. [] the headquarters was stationed in Wiederau, while the subordinate headquarters were located in Winkel, Theise, Troebitz, Luga and Mühlholz. A large number of signal unit patrols was seen on the Wiederau-Liebenwerda, Wiederau-Döberitz and Liebenwerda-Döberitz roads.

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[redacted] seeing other troops, particularly AT and AAA units in addition to command and signal units, they did not observe infantry units. The maneuver areas, some of which have meanwhile become known, are more suggestive of an operation extending from east to west.

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